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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

MINUTES

October 30, 2015

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present- the following were present in person or via phone:

Rebecca Craig, Gigi Darricades, Rob DeHerrera, Bruce Densley, Tim Dienst, Jennifer Dunn, Sue Flynn, Lisa Foster, Deborah Hart, Chanda Hinton, Dixie Melton, Wilson Pace, Jeff Perkins, Tom Rose, Barbara Wilkins-Crowder, Murray Willis, Jody Wright

Recap of September 2nd meeting

All members of the council had not been appointed as of the initial meeting date so a recap of the meeting was provided. The function/purpose of the MPRRAC is to fulfill the obligations set forth in SB15-228. The MPRRAC is to provide a structured approach for rate review processes for the Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF or the department) and the stakeholder community. Provider rates will be reviewed every five years (this review does not guarantee changes of rates but a look at how they compare to available information). The review will include an analysis of price, access, service utilization and quality. The committee must meet at least quarterly, but may meet more frequently. The department's proposed Rate Review schedule will be reviewed and modified if deemed necessary by the committee. The department will accept public comment from stakeholders and the committee will record process improvements if warranted.

Rules of Governance Discussion

The Rules of Governance and proposed additions were revisited based on the requested changes from the meeting of September 2, 2015.

- (1) Public comment will be taken prior to each vote of the council; and
- (2) Members will disclose conflicts of interest yet will be permitted to participate in discussions and votes.

Action: The Rules of Governance were approved by members.

Leadership Election

Terms are for one year and Vice Chair will ascend to Chair in the upcoming year.

Action: Jeff Perkins was elected as Committee Chair and Tom Rose was elected as Committee Vice-Chair.

Rate Review Schedule

Open discussion was initiated about the proposed Rate Review Schedule that was published by the Department on September 1, 2015. There was significant discussion about the process for the rate review, the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee, the Department, the public and the legislature. There was general agreement that as we approach this new process we are going to need

ongoing discussion about roles and responsibilities and a record of ways to continue to improve the process.

Action: The Rate Review Schedule was accepted by the Advisory Committee with no proposed changes.

Other Items of Interest

1. Proposal was made to change the meeting dates (in early 2016). Agreed to change quarterly meeting dates to February, April, July and October 2016 in order to have more input into the process prior to reports that are part of the Rate Review Process being prepared.
2. There was discussion about the focus of the December meeting and it was agreed that benefit managers of the benefits that are being reviewed in Year One present an overview of the benefits (about 5 minutes each) to ensure that everyone has a base level of knowledge about the services provided through that benefit. After each presentation the opportunity is available for the committee to address concerns or present input based on their area of expertise. Public comment will also be allowed. The committee will provide guidance about how the Department might approach the analysis of access, service utilization and quality.
3. Of great interest to all members present was the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services Final Rule that was released on October 29, 2015. The department will provide an overview of the regulations at the December 2015 meeting.

Public Comment

Ellen Caruso offered public comment that she and others in the home health industry are available to engage with Department staff as the Rate Review Process begins.

